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Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
Expedited Procedure  
Examining Group 3700

PATENT  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:  
Taichiroh MEGURO, *et al.*  
Application No.: 09/987,205  
Filed: November 13, 2001  
For CATHETER ASSEMBLE

) Confirmation No.: 6172  
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) Group Art Unit: 3762  
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) Examiner: M. Bockelman  
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Sir:

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 TRANSMITTAL FORM**

1. Transmitted herewith is a Request for Reconsideration responding to the Final Office Action dated May 13, 2004.
2. Additional papers enclosed:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Drawings: <input type="checkbox"/> Formal (Replacement Sheet) <input type="checkbox"/> Informal  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Information Disclosure Statement   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Form PTO-1449, ____ references included  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Citations  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Declaration of Biological Deposit  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Submission of "Sequence Listing", computer readable copy and/or amendment pertaining thereto for biotechnology invention containing nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence. |

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3. Extension of Time

The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) apply.

- ☐ Applicants believe that no extension of time is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.
- ☒ Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set out in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

Total Months Requested	Fee for Extension	[Fee for Small Entity]
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$ 430.00	\$ 215.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$ 980.00	\$ 490.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$ 2,080.00	\$ 765.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: \$980.00.

- ☐ An extension for \_\_\_\_\_ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$\_\_\_\_ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

4. Constructive Petition

- ☒ EXCEPT for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310. This paragraph is intended to be a CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3).

5. Fee Calculation (37 C.F.R. §1.16)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest No. Previously Paid	Present Extra	at Rate of	Total Fees
Total Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(c))	5	minus	30	0	x \$18 each=	+ \$ 0.00
Independent Claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b))	1	minus	3	0	x \$88 each=	+ \$ 0.00
[ ] First presentation of Multiple dependent claim(s)					\$3000.00	+ \$ 0.00
SUB-TOTAL =						\$ 0.00
Reduction by ½ for filing by a small entity						- \$ 0.00
TOTAL FEE =						\$ 0.00

6. Fee Payment

- ☐ No fee is to be paid at this time.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0310 in the amount of \$980.00 for the three-month extension of time fee.
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, including fees due under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-0310.

Respectfully submitted,

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